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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	1503.011000E
First Inventor or Application Identifier	Michael W. Pantoliano
Title	Microplate Thermal Shift Assay Apparatus for Ligand Development and Multi-Variable Protein Chemistry Optimization
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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

ADDRESS TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box Patent Application  
Washington, DC 20231

1. ☒ \* Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 110 ]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the invention  
- Cross References to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure

3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 42 ]

4. ☒ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3 ]

a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)

b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)  
[Note Box 5 below]

i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

5. ☒ Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 4b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy

b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)

c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

8. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney

10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

12. ☒ Preliminary Amendment

13. ☒ Two (2) Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)

14. ☐ \*Small Entity Statement(s) (PTO/SB/09-13) ☐ Statement filed in prior application, Status still proper and desired

15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)

16. ☒ Other: 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) Authorization

☐ Other:

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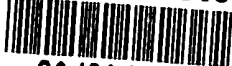
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(A Continuation of Appl. No. 09/459,996; Filed: December 14, 1999)  
Appl. No. To Be Assigned; Filed: March 9, 2001  
For: **Microplate Thermal Shift Assay Apparatus for Ligand Development  
and Multi-Variable Protein Chemistry Optimization**  
Inventors: Pantoliano *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1503.011000E

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.  
Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/05);
2. A true copy of prior application number 09/459,996; Filed: December 14, 1999;  
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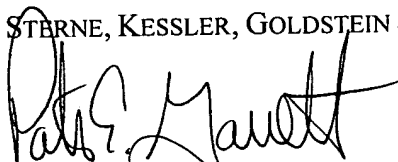
the application consisting of:

- a. A specification containing:
    - (i) 99 pages of description prior to the claims;
    - (ii) 10 pages of claims (53 claims);
    - (iii) a one (1) page abstract;
  - b. 42 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-16, 17A-D, 18-31, 32A-E, 33-35, 36A, 36B, 37-40, 41A, 41B, 42); and
  - c. A copy of the executed Declaration, as originally filed in U.S. Appl. No. 09/459,996;
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